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I would like to respond to the offer for public feedback on the Humpback Marine Sanctuary. I would support adding Submerged Maritime Heritage sites to the jurisdiction of the sanctuary.

1. Adding these sites to an inventory and conducting as detailed a survey (as is practical) would be tremendously beneficial to the protection and preservation of these historic artifacts. It would also provide a record for researchers and historians.
2. Much more could be learned about the environmental interaction around wrecks at various depths.
3. Shallow wrecks provide a great recreational value which also creates an economic value provided the wrecks interaction and preservation can be controlled. A relationship with local dive charters could create a stewardship for assisting in this area
4. An inventory of sites could also include environmental hazards including unexploded ordnance.
5. The sites could create outreach and educational benefits for students, researchers, and the general public in Hawaii's Maritime & Cultural Heritage, Marine Architecture, Marine Archaeology, Marine Biology, and History.
6. Preservation of these sites will render the proper respect due to the people who were associated with these artifacts. In some cases they are their gravesites.
7. Creating a governing body for these historic sites will help prevent them from being illegally dismantled by scavengers for souvenirs' or sold off as relics. Vulnerable components could be identified, recovered, preserved, and displayed for everyone's benefit.

Thank you for offering this opportunity to respond.

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